

**What is Claimed is:**

1 1. A method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission display,  
2 said method comprising the steps of:  
3 (a) preparing a transparent substrate;  
4 (b) depositing a layer of photoconductive paste on said transparent substrate,  
5 patterning said layer of photoconductive paste using a photolithography process,  
6 and sintering to form a cathode electrode layer;  
7 (c) depositing a layer of etchable dielectric material on said cathode electrode layer  
8 and said transparent substrate;  
9 (d) depositing a layer of photoconductive gate material on said layer of dielectric  
10 material, patterning said layer of photoconductive gate material using a  
11 photolithography process, and sintering to form a gate electrode layer;  
12 (e) using said gate electrode layer as a protecting film to pattern said layer of  
13 dielectric material with a photolithography process to form field emission regions  
14 above said cathode electrode layer; and  
15 (f) filling said field emission regions with a carbon nano tube emission layer on said  
16 cathode electrode layer.

1 2. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2 display as claimed in claim 1, wherein said photoconductive paste in step (b) is made  
3 by mixing conductive metal powder and resin with solvent and photosensitive  
4 emulsion.

1 3. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2 display as claimed in claim 1, wherein said photoconductive gate material in step (d)

3 is made by mixing conductive metal powder and resin with solvent and  
4 photosensitive emulsion.

1 4. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2 display as claimed in claim 1, wherein said dielectric material in step (c) is made by  
3 mixing dielectric powder chosen from the group of  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{PbO}_2$  and  $\text{BO}_2$ ,  
4 and resin with solvent.

1 5. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2 display as claimed in claim 1, wherein sintering in step (b) is processed for about 30  
3 minutes at a temperature in the range of 480 °C to 560 °C in an air atmosphere.

1 6. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2 display as claimed in claim 1, wherein sintering in step (d) is processed for about 30  
3 minutes at a temperature in the range of 480 °C to 560 °C in an air atmosphere.

1 7. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2 display as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of sintering said layer of  
3 dielectric material to burn away residual organic materials in each layer after  
4 depositing said layer of etchable dielectric material in step (c).

1 8. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2 display as claimed in claim 7, wherein said sintering step in step (c) is processed for  
3 about 30 minutes at a temperature in the range of 480 °C to 540 °C in an air  
4 atmosphere.

1 9. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2 display as claimed in claim 1, wherein step (f) further includes a step of sintering to

3       burn away residual organic materials in each layer before filling said field emission  
4       regions with a carbon nano tube emission layer.

1       10. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2       display as claimed in claim 1, wherein each photolithography process includes the  
3       steps of defining a pattern by a photo-mask after pre-bake, photo exposure and  
4       developing.

1       11. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2       display as claimed in claim 1, wherein said carbon nano tube emission layer in step (f)  
3       is filled on said cathode electrode layer by an electrical deposition method.

1       12. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2       display as claimed in claim 11, wherein said carbon nano tube paste is made by  
3       mixing a dispersant with carbon nano tube powder of 3-50 weight percentage and  
4       solvent.

1       13. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2       display as claimed in claim 1, wherein said carbon nano tube emission layer in step (f)  
3       is filled by an electrical deposition method comprising the steps of forming a  
4       photoresist layer above said gate electrode layer, depositing a carbon nano tube paste  
5       into said field emission regions electrically, and sintering to remove residual organic  
6       materials in each layer of said cathode plate in a high temperature oven.

1       14. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2       display as claimed in claim 13, wherein said sintering step after depositing said  
3       carbon nano tube paste into said field emission regions is processed for about 30

4 minutes at a temperature in the range of 480 °C to 500 °C in a nitrogen atmosphere.

1 15. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2 display as claimed in claim 1, wherein said carbon nano tube emission layer in step (f)  
3 is filled on said cathode electrode layer by a photolithography method.

1 16. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2 display as claimed in claim 15, wherein said photosensitive carbon nano tube paste is  
3 made by mixing photoresist with carbon nano tube powder of 5-30 weight percentage  
4 and silver powder of 5-30 weight percentage.

1 17. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2 display as claimed in claim 1, wherein said carbon nano tube emission layer in step (f)  
3 is filled by a photolithography method comprising the steps of depositing a layer of  
4 photosensitive carbon nano tube paste on the surface of said cathode plate, defining a  
5 pattern for said carbon nano tube emission layer by alignment and exposure, and  
6 sintering to remove residual organic materials in each layer of said cathode plate in a  
7 high temperature oven.

1 18. The method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission  
2 display as claimed in claim 17, wherein said sintering step after depositing said  
3 carbon nano tube paste into said field emission regions is processed for about 30  
4 minutes at a temperature in the range of 480 °C to 500 °C in a nitrogen atmosphere.

1 19. A method for fabricating a cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission display,  
2 said method comprising the steps of:  
3 (a) providing a transparent substrate;

4 (b) depositing a layer of photoconductive paste on said transparent substrate,  
5 patterning said layer of photoconductive paste using a photolithography process,  
6 and sintering to form a cathode electrode layer;  
7 (c) printing a carbon nano tube emission layer on said cathode electrode layer by a  
8 screen printing method;  
9 (d) depositing a layer of etchable dielectric material on said carbon nano tube  
10 emission layer, said cathode electrode layer and said transparent substrate;  
11 (e) depositing a layer of photoconductive gate material on said layer of dielectric  
12 material, patterning said layer of photoconductive gate material using a  
13 photolithography process, and sintering to form a gate electrode layer; and  
14 (f) using said gate electrode layer as a protecting film to etch said layer of dielectric  
15 material with a photolithography process and expose said carbon nano tube  
16 emission layer above said cathode electrode layer, and sintering to remove  
17 residual organic materials in each layer.

1 20. A cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission display comprising:  
2 a transparent substrate;  
3 a cathode electrode layer having a plurality of parallel cathode electrode strips formed  
4 on said transparent substrate;  
5 a dielectric layer formed on said cathode electrode layer and said transparent substrate,  
6 said dielectric layer having a plurality of parallel dielectric strips perpendicular to said  
7 cathode electrode strips, and a plurality of circular holes each being formed at an  
8 intersection of a dielectric strip and a cathode electrode strip;

9 a gate electrode layer formed on said dielectric layer, said gate electrode layer having  
10 a plurality of parallel electrode strips perpendicular to said cathode electrode strips,  
11 and a plurality of circular holes above said circular holes of said dielectric layer; and  
12 a carbon nano tube emission layer formed in said circular holes of said dielectric layer  
13 on said cathode electrode layer.

1 21. The cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission display as claimed in claim 20,  
2 wherein each of said cathode electrode strips has a width in the range of 30  $\mu\text{m}$  to 300  
3  $\mu\text{m}$  and the gap between every two adjacent parallel strips is in the range of 30  $\mu\text{m}$  to  
4 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

1 22. The cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission display as claimed in claim 20,  
2 wherein each of said dielectric strips has a width in the range of 30  $\mu\text{m}$  to 300  $\mu\text{m}$  and  
3 the gap between every two parallel strips is in the range of 30  $\mu\text{m}$  to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

1 23. The cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission display as claimed in claim 20,  
2 wherein each of said circular holes on said gate electrode layer or said dielectric layer  
3 has a diameter in the range of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

1 24. The cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission display as claimed in claim 20,  
2 wherein said cathode electrode layer has a thickness in the range of 3.5  $\mu\text{m}$  to 5.5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

1 25. The cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission display as claimed in claim 20,  
2 wherein said dielectric layer has a thickness in the range of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  to 30  $\mu\text{m}$ .

1 26. The cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission display as claimed in claim 20,  
2 wherein said gate electrode layer has a thickness in the range of 3.5  $\mu\text{m}$  to 5.5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

1    27. The cathode plate of a carbon nano tube field emission display as claimed in claim 20,  
2        wherein said carbon nano tube emission layer has a thickness in the range of 3  $\mu\text{m}$  to  
3        5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

1    28. A carbon nano tube field emission display comprising an anode plate packed with a  
2        cathode plate as claimed in claim 20.